

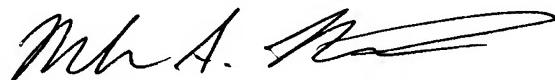
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 17-20 are canceled. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, in the original claims and the specification at paragraph [0027]. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Whipple and Lin at the interview held April 2, 2009, are appreciated. For the reasons agreed upon during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that, by this Amendment, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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